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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-79. (canceled)

80. (new) An audio reproduction system comprising:

a storage device containing a plurality of music files, each music file including at least a first and second type of metadata that characterizes the music file; and

a display device for displaying a user interface configured to present a first assemblage of the plurality of music files in a first set groups according to the first type of metadata associated with the music files, and, in response to a user selection of a group in the first assemblage, present a second assemblage of the music files in the selected group, wherein the second assemblage presents the music files in the selected group in a second set of groups according to the second type of metadata associated with the music files in the selected group.

81. (new) The audio reproduction system of claim 80 further comprising a processor and instruction stored on a computer-readable medium that when executed by the processor cause the processor to assemble the plurality of music files into the first set of groups based on the first type of metadata associated with each respective music file, and assemble the plurality of music files into the second set of groups based on the second type of metadata associated with each respective music file.

82. (new) The audio reproduction system of claim 81 further including instructions that cause the processor to detect an addition of a new music file to the plurality of music files after assembling the plurality of music files into two or more groups, and in response to detection of a

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99. (new) The audio reproduction device of claim 94 wherein instructions further cause the processor to receive music files from the network

100. (new) The audio reproduction device of claim 99 wherein the network comprises the Internet.

101. (new) The audio reproduction device of claim 94 wherein the first type of metadata comprises one or more of the following: artist, composer, album, and type of music.

102. (new) A machine readable medium associated with a sound reproduction system comprising a mass storage device containing a plurality of music files each having a first and second type of metadata, the computer readable medium comprising instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to:

- assemble the plurality of music files into a first set of groups based on the first type of metadata associated with each respective music file;

- assemble the plurality of music files into a second set of groups based on the second type of metadata associated with each respective music file;

- detect an addition of a new music file to the plurality of music files after assembling the plurality of music files into two or more groups; and

- in response to detection of a new music file, automatically update the first and second set of groups with the new music file based on first and second type of metadata associated with the new music file.

103. (new) A networked audio reproduction system comprising:

- a sound reproduction device;

- a storage device configured to store a plurality of music files each including metadata characterizing the respective music file;

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a computer configured to interface with the sound reproduction device and a network, the computer comprising:

a processor;

a display;

instructions stored on a computer-readable media that when executed, cause the processor to:

assemble the plurality of music files into a set of groups based on the metadata characterizing the music files;

present on the display a user interface that comprises a window having a first region for displaying information about available media sources, a second region for displaying information about a music file which has been selected by a user, and a third region for displaying information about the assembled groups of music files;

receive media files from the network; and

transmit media files to the mass storage device.

104. (new) The networked audio reproduction system of claim 103 wherein the mass storage device is located within the computer.